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# The Books

*for Rick Weinberger*

by Hilda Weiss

Your books in small boxes.  
Darkness. I carry you  
across the lawn. I hold you  
in my arms. Your dark  
smallness. Your death. Your books.

In my arms I carry  
your books in small boxes.  
I hold what's left of you—  
your books, death. In darkness  
I cross the lawn.

Your books, they carry me  
across the lawn, across  
the darkness. In my arms  
I hold the small boxes.  
I hold what's left—the books.

